

Italian-Built Folding Corn Head Makes Its Debut

A new corn head is being introduced at farm shows this fall.

The Capello header was first on display at the recent Farm Fest show near Redwood Falls, Minn. It's being imported by Worthington Ag Parts, a company better known for selling used and remanufactured parts for tractors and combines. The company is the sole distributor for the U.S.

Capello isn't a new name in corn heads. The Italian-based company has been manufacturing corn heads for almost 50 years and selling them worldwide.

The new head can be fitted to most combine brands and is available in a full range of models, either rigid or folding, with row spacings from 18 to 40 in. It's available in 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 12-row models or 18-row models. Chopping rotors are available on all models except the 18-row. All Capello heads sold in Europe are painted red, but in North America the heads will be available with a gray frame and either green, red or yellow poly snouts.

"The Capello head has been field-proven for years throughout the world, which is a big plus," says Colin Taylor, international sales manager for Worthington Ag Parts. "This header is built heavy and with quality by a company with a great reputation. Capello is a family-owned company and all they do is build corn headers.

"We've toured the company's factory in

Italy and seen the quality of work they do. The header frames are all robotic welded in a way that eliminates any twisting or warping. The headers are built with high quality, European-made bearings and powder coat painted so well that the paint won't peel off or rust."

Dealer Jim Prokosch of Redwood Falls, Minn. (ph 507 644-3244), says, "The Capello header has a lot of features that make sense.

"First, there's a lot of interest in folding heads, because a folding head eliminates the need for a trailer and someone to pull it. Second, the area under the gathering chains is sloped, allowing trash to fall out without building up in the chains. Third, the deck plates are adjustable and are angled upward so any shelled corn stays next to the gathering chains, instead of falling onto the ground. Fourth, the knife rolls are replaceable and have points that come together, which helps grind up corn stalks. Also, the head sets at a flatter angle – about 18 degrees – so it does a better job of getting under down corn and picking it up."

The hoods are made of poly, which lets the stalks flow through easier, and also keeps cobs from bouncing as much. "The poly hoods weigh one third as much as metal hoods, yet provide greater flexibility and strength," says Prokosch.

A 12-row non-folding model lists for about \$107,200, depending on options. A folding



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model sells for about \$9,000 more.

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"Critttergetter" Pumps Exhaust Underground

The idea of using engine exhaust to kill gophers and other underground pests is as old as the internal combustion engine. But if you've ever tried to hook a garden hose up to a tail pipe, you know it's not easy.

That's why Chris Kilmen came up with the "Critttergetter", a kit that makes it easy to funnel exhaust into underground tunnels. It consists of a 9-in. long rigid plastic adapter that clamps onto the exhaust pipe; 50 ft. of clear plastic tubing; an adapter that fits onto the far end of the tubing, and a 1 1/2-in. dia., 8-in. long pvc tube that attaches to the end and is used to get gas into tunnels.

The holes don't need to be sealed off because the gas is heavier than air and settles down into the tunnels.

"It's simple to use and safe for the operator, since there's no poison bait or explosions involved," says inventor Chris Kilmen. "Carbon monoxide is both convenient and inexpensive because it comes from a vehicle's exhaust. It reaches the burrow's smallest hiding places.

"It works better than using an adapter that hooks up to a garden hose because the tubing is much bigger than a garden hose and can handle far more volume."

Two homeowner models are available and come with a 50-ft. long lightweight plastic hose, with additional 50-ft. hose extensions available. They fit exhaust pipes up to 3 and 4 in. in dia. and sell for \$29.99 and \$34.99 plus S&H, respectively. A heavier-duty model called the "Original Critttergetter" uses an industrial grade, high temperature hose that's available in lengths from 25 to 150 ft. It fits exhaust pipes from 2 1/2 to 4 in. dia. and starts at \$31.70 plus S&H.

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The "Critttergetter" kit uses engine exhaust to kill gophers and other underground pests.



Rigid plastic adapter clamps onto vehicle's exhaust pipe.



An 8-in. long pvc tube is used to get gas into tunnels.

Winterize Your Windshield Wipers Wiper Shaker

Mike Kelly, inventor of the Wiper Shaker, got the idea about 10 years ago.

"I was driving in a snowstorm and tried to reach out the window to give my wiper a shake," recalls Kelly. "My car slid over to the side of the road, and I decided there had to be a better way."

Kelly's better way was a tiny vibrating motor that attaches to existing windshield wiper arms. He describes the eccentric motor as similar to, but 50 times more powerful than, a cell phone vibrator. Pressing the control button actually causes the wiper to lift 1/16-in. and jump in 1 to 2-in. patterns across the windshield. Not only is ice and slush tossed aside, but also the slush doesn't tend to accumulate along the side of the wiper. What slush does buildup gets broken up by the vibration.

"It's effective in warm weather if mud splashes on the windshield. Less fluid is needed to clean the mud off, thanks to the vibration," says Kelly.

The Wiper Shaker is Department of Transportation (DOT) approved and is well



Tiny vibrating motor attaches to existing windshield wiper arms.

accepted among northern state DOT's, says Kelly. It's also available through Ford dealers nationwide, as well as via a national distributor, Vehicle Improvement Products.

Wiper Shakers have a suggested retail price of \$99 for a set of two shakers with 12V system.

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Heated Wiper Blades

Everblades heated wiper blades have been around for more than 20 years. Recent product improvements make them even more effective, says Jim Weiler, W.N. Miller Co., owner of the Everblades brand.

"The blades now use a silicone rubber material, and we dramatically changed the profile, eliminating streaking," says Weiler. "We also put a hinge on the arm, so the blade flips like a regular wiper as it goes back and forth."

Other changes include a heavy-duty LED toggle switch instead of an illuminated rocker switch and upgraded wire that handles even colder temperatures. An option is also available that heats the wiper frame as well as the rubber squeegee. The company admits that their heated blades are more expensive than regular blades, but the cost is well worth it, they argue. The specially designed blades have a heating element inside them. Once installed, the switch-activated heater warms



Everblade heated wiper blade flips like a regular wiper as it goes back and forth.

up, and the wiper blades melt accumulated ice and snow as they work. The blades are designed to withstand temperatures of up to 200° F. and work at temperatures as low as 60° below zero.

Everblades range in price from \$100 to \$140 depending on size and model. Refills for the 36 and 56-in. units run \$30 to \$45.

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